

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims**

1-21. (Cancelled)

22. (New) A telecommunications device comprising:

a transceiver which enables the device to communicate over an air interface;

a radio link control (RLC) entity which forms uplink RLC protocol data units (PDUs) for transmission over the air interface and which receives downlink RLC protocol data units (PDUs) over the air interface;

a radio link control (RLC) buffer memory configured to include a transmitter buffer for storing the uplink RLC protocol data units (PDUs) and a receiver buffer for storing the downlink RLC protocol data units (PDUs); and

characterized by:

RLC reconfiguration logic means which is arranged to reconfigure at least one of a size of a transmitter buffer window and a size of a receiver buffer window by implementing a strategy for handling at least one of (a) downlink RLC protocol data units (PDUs) which are outside a new receiver buffer window; and (2) uplink RLC protocol data units (PDUs) which are either outside a new transmitter window or whose receipt by the radio access network has not been positively acknowledged.

23. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the telecommunications device is a user equipment unit, and wherein the RLC reconfiguration logic means is operative to:

(A) discard any downlink RLC protocol data units (PDUs) which were received as being within old receiver buffer window but which are outside the new receiver buffer window; and,

(B) retain in the radio link control (RLC) buffer memory (150) any uplink RLC protocol data units (PDUs) whose receipt by the radio access network has not been positively acknowledged.



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